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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)**

Responsive to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (NonProvisional) mailed on April 11,  
2002, enclosed are:

- (1) Copy of returned postcard for originally filed application;
- (2) 1 page Abstract of the technical disclosure; and
- (3) Part 2 - return copy.

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**37 CFR 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents; Box Missing Parts, Washington, D. C. 20231 on April 18, 2002.

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Applicants note that the returned postcard (see attached copy) indicated that the Abstract of the invention was in fact received by the USPTO when the present application was filed on November 30, 2001. The subsequent confusion regarding Applicants' reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (mailed 12/18/01) was caused by either the USPTO's failure to maintain the originally filed Abstract with the application, or the USPTO's failure to correct Applicants' assertion (on the application filing postcard) that the Abstract was included in the originally filed application.

No fee for an extension of time is believed to be required for filing this response. If however, an extension fee is required please charge the required fee in the amount of \$400.00 for response within the second month for a non-small entity as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) to **Bracewell & Patterson LLP** Deposit Account Number **50,0259**.

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 03/05/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 12/18/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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